

**City of Reading City Council
Regular Business Meeting
Monday, September 9, 2013**

Council Vice president Marcia Goodman-Hinnershitz called the meeting to order.

The invocation was given by Rev. Laddie Benton, Washington Presbyterian Church.

All present pledged to the flag.

ATTENDANCE

Councilor Corcoran, District 1

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz, District 2

Councilor Sterner, District 3

Councilor Marmarou, District 4

Councilor Waltman, District 6

City Auditor D. Cituk

City Solicitor C. Younger

City Clerk L. Kelleher

Managing Director C. Snyder

Mayor V. Spencer

Council Vice President Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that Council President Acosta and Councilor Reed are both excused from this meeting due to schedule conflicts.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

City Clerk Kelleher administered the Oath of Office to

- 2nd Deputy Fire Chief Sean Hart
- 1st Deputy Chief Frank Nefos Jr.
- Fire Training Lieutenant Gail Knauer
- Fire/EMS Lieutenant David Ciabattoni

Council issued a Commendation to CosPro Development, accepted by Paul Mazzotta, owner and founder.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council Vice President Goodman-Hinnershitz reviewed the public speaking regulations and stated that no one is registered to address Council this evening.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA & MINUTES

Council Vice President Goodman-Hinnershitz called Council's attention to the agenda for this

meeting, including the legislation listed under the Consent Agenda heading, and the minutes for the August 26th Regular Meeting of Council. She stated that the Administration has withdrawn Resolution B under the Consent Agenda heading relating to the purchase of public furniture.

Councilor Corcoran moved, seconded by Councilor Marmarou, to approve the minutes from the August 26th Regular Meetings of Council and the agenda, including the legislation under the Consent Agenda heading, as amended. The motion was approved unanimously.

Consent Agenda

A. Resolution 65-2013 - authorizing the mayor to execute a PY2006 CDBG action plan amendment to use \$8000 in unprogrammed CDBG funds for the Centre Park Historic District signage installation activity (Com Dev)

C. Resolution 67-2013 - authorizing offers of employment to the 19 probationary fire trainees, effective September 16, 2013 (Fire)

D. Award of Contract - for the Tree Care Project to Arbor Care/Rod Irwin Land Clearing, 701 Candy Road, Mohnton, PA 19540 who is the sole bidder with total bid price of \$27,120.00. (Pub Works/Purchasing)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mayor Spencer read the report distributed to Council at the meeting. In summary:

- Attended a neighborhood meeting at Bethel AME Church
- Noted the planned presentation of the 2014 Budget on September 16th
- Announced the relocation of Building/Trades and Zoning to the Customer Service Center on the first floor of City Hall
- Noted the presentation on Land Value Tax to the College Heights Community Council

AUDITOR'S REPORT

City Auditor Cituk read the report distributed to Council at the meeting covering the following:

- Noted the completion of the 2012 External Audit
- Noted the planned presentation of the 2014 Budget on September 16th

REPORT FROM DEPT. DIRECTORS, BOARDS, AUTHORITIES, & COMMISSIONS

None.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

None.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCES

Council Vice President Goodman-Hinnershitz read the following ordinances into the record:

A. Ordinance – amending the City’s Code by adding a new chapter regarding regulations for the permitting and inspection of tattoo and piercing establishments (**Board of Health**) *Advertised 9-15-13*

B. Ordinance – amending the City’s Code to add a Tattoo Establishment Inspection Fee \$100 and an application fee of \$50 (**Board of Health**) *Advertised 9-15-13*

C. Ordinance – authorizing the execution of a tri-party lease agreement between the City of Reading, the Berks County Conservancy and Alvernia University; a lease agreement between the City of Reading and Alvernia University and a lease agreement between the City of Reading and the Berks County Conservancy to provide for the leasing of certain portions of Angelica Park, as more specifically identified in exhibit “A”. (**Law**)

RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution 68-2013 – reappointing Lynn Smith to the Animal Control Board (**Nom & Appts**)

B. Resolution 69-2013 – reappointing Jeff Darlington to the Board of Ethics (**Nom & Appts**)

C. Resolution 70-2013 – reappointing Brian Fichthorn to the Main Street Board (**Nom & Appts**)

D. Resolution 71-2013 – reappointing Pamela Cianciosi to the Citizens Advisory Board (**Nom & Appts**)

Councilor Corcoran moved. Seconded by Councilor Marmarou, to adopt Resolutions 68-71-2013.

Resolution No. 68-71 -2013 were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Corcoran, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Reed, Sterner, Waltman - 5

Nays: None - 0

E. Resolution 72-2013 – appointing Craig Breneiser to the Fire Civil Service Board (**Nom & Appts**)

F. Resolution 73-2013 – appointing Jared Barcz a full member of the Zoning Hearing Board (**Nom & Appts**)

Councilor Corcoran moved, seconded by Council Sterner, to adopt Resolutions 72-73 -2013.

Yeas: Corcoran, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Reed, Sterner, Waltman - 5
Nays: None - 0

COUNCIL BUSINESS / COMMENTS

Councilor Sterner congratulated those promoted in the Fire Department and those receiving commendations. He noted that the remarks made by Mr. Mazzotta, owner of CosPro were very meaningful. He announced that the Outlet Area Neighborhood Group is meeting this Thursday at 6:30 at St. Marks Lutheran Church, located at North 10th and Windsor Streets.

Councilor Marmarou described the quality of life problems with the student rentals in the Albright College area.

City Auditor Cituk reminded everyone about the 9/11 Ceremony scheduled for 9:55 am at City Park. The ceremony will be moved to Council Chambers if inclement weather occurs.

Council Vice President Goodman-Hinnershitz reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

Councilor Marmarou moved, seconded by Councilor Corcoran, to adjourn the regular meeting of Council.

Respectfully submitted by Linda A. Kelleher CMC, City Clerk